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Title:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

DISABLING RADIO FREQUENCY DEVICES

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- [ ] Small Entity statement is enclosed.
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

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Respectfully submitted,

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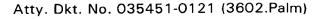
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Sir:

This communication is a preliminary amendment concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

### In the Specification:

A marked up version of the paragraph amended below has been included in Appendix A of this Preliminary Amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following paragraph:

Referring now to FIG. 3, a flow diagram 300 is shown depicting [0023] exemplary steps followed in at least partially disabling electronic devices, such as personal electronic devices. In the exemplary steps shown, a warning message is provided to persons nearing and/or entering the area in which the devices may be shut down and/or disabled (step 310). The warning message may be in any of a variety of forms, including, but not limited to, printed signs, electronic displays, lighted signs, audible messages, among others. When an electronic device is in and/or near the

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specified area, a transmitter may selectively transmit an RF signal throughout the area (step 320). The electronic devices in and/or near the area may include receivers which are configured to receive the RF signal (step 330) and further to interpret the signal as a disablement or shut-down signal. In an exemplary embodiment, the electronic devices will interpret the RF signal as a disablement or shut-down signal and will carry out procedures to partially disable the electronic devices automatically (step 340).